Fourthly, every foreman has to prepare a minute of the proceedings at every instalment of the chitty and file a copy of the same with the Registrar;

Fifthly, every foreman is bound to keep a certain set of books, and a copy of alterations in the entries by the appointment of a substitute for a defaulting subscriber or by the recognition of an assignment by a non-prized subscriber has to be filed with the Registrar;

Sixthly, if the prize amount due for any instalment remains unpaid till a week before the next instalment, the foreman should invest the same in some Government Savings Bank or other security approved by the Government and a copy of the acknowledgment or record evidencing investment has to be filed with the Registrar;

Seventhly, the circumstances under which a chitty may be deemed to have terminated are also detailed;

Eighthly, the inspection of the books kept by a foreman is provided for;

Ninthly, the inspection of documents in the Registrar's office by any person is allowed on payment of a fee, and he may also have a copy or extract of the same on payment of a prescribed fee; and

Tenthly, interest at the rate of more than 18 per cent. per annum in the case of grain cannot be awarded.

The new provisions are not very many and I believe compliance with these provisions by an honest foreman may not be a matter of any difficulty. I may add that the draft Bill was referred to the Honourable High Court for their views. They observe that they 'have already expressed their conviction that legislation on the subject is both desirable and feasible and the draft Bill before them has only confirmed it. The Bill appears to have firmly faced the mischief which the Legislature proposes to remedy and has made provisions against it which seem generally to be effective and satisfactory'. They have, however, made a few suggestions and several of them have been accepted. The remaining few have to be considered by the Select Committee and by the Council when the Bill is considered clause after clause. I hope the Bill will meet with the approval of the public. I therefore beg to move that the principle of the Bill be affirmed by the Council."

Seconded by Mr. Rengaswami Aiyengar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Vieyra, Subrahmanya Aiyar, Rengaswami Aiyengar, Mahadeva Aiyar, Sesha Aiyar, Parameswaren Pillai, Velu Pillai, Kumara Pillai and the Mover, to report within four months.

Seconded by Mr. Rengaswami Aiyengar.

Carried.

THE NANJINAD VELLALA BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar said that it was seen, from the memorials submitted to Government by members of the Nanjinad Vellalla community, that the community wanted a more comprehensive Bill containing provisions relating to the power of testamentary disposition, intestate succession, &c., and that the Bill, as it was, did not satisfy them. He therefore moved for permission to withdraw the Bill.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE MARKETS BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar presented the report of the Select Committee on the Markets Bill, and moved that the report and the Bill be taken up for consideration by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

The provisions of the Bill having been approved by the Council, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE CHRISTIAN SUCCESSION BILL.

Section 3.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the words "date on which this Regulation comes into force be substituted for the words "first day of.....109 ", occurring at the end of Section 3.

Seconded by Mr. Rengaswami Aiyengar.

Carried.

Section 26.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the words "or descendants" be inserted after the word "descendant", that the words "solely or jointly" be inserted after the word "shall", and that the word "they" be substituted for the words "he or she", occurring in line 4 of Section 26, in order to make the meaning more clear.

Seconded by Mr. Kuriyan.

Carried

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